Revenue sharing for operating cellular and basic telephone services

†3575. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI LAJPAT RAI :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector was allowed to operate in the cellular and basic telephone services sectors on licence fee basis for bringing expansion in communication system;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that, at later stage, revenue sharing was fixed in place of licence fee; if so, when;

(c) the amount of licence fee outstanding against such companies at the time of the above decision; and

(d) the percentage of revenue sharing fixed at that time and the existing percentage thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Migration from fixed licence fee regime to the regime of revenue sharing was made effective from 1st August, 1999 onwards.

(c) Company-wise and licence-wise details of outstanding licence fee as on 31.7.1999 in respect of licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and Basic Telephone Service are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) The percentage of revenue as licence fee was provisionally fixed at 15% at the time of offer of migration in July, 1999. At present the licence fee as revenue share is fixed at 12%, 10% and 8% for category A, B and C service areas respectively, apart from separate charges for use of wireless spectrum.

Statement

Details of license fee outstanding from Cellular Mobile Service Providers as on 31.7.1999

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Service Area	Licence fee due as per Migration Package (As on 31.7.1999)
1	2	3	4
1.	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Delhi	34.68
2.	Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Delhi	27.94
3.	Hutchison Max Telecom. Ltd.	Mumbai	19.69
4.	BPL Mobile Communication Ltd.	Mumbai	40.39
5.	Skycell Communications Ltd.	Chennai	5.74
6.	RPG Cellular Services Ltd.	Chennai	5.87
7.	Modi Telstra P. Ltd.	Calcutta	9.19
8.	Usha Martin Telekom. Ltd.	Calcutta	3.02
9.	Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00
10.	Birla Communications Ltd.	Gujarat Maharashtra	109.10 100.80
11.	Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd.	Haryana Kerala Uttar Pradesh (West)	6.20 13.35 10.49
12.	Fascel Ltd.	Gujarat	60.19
13.	Hexacom India Ltd.	North East Rajasthan	0.00 44.45
14	J.T. Mobile Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Punjab	58.14 90.76 293.60

1	2	3	4
15.	Modicom Network P. Ltd.	Karnataka	114.13
		Punjab	103.71
16.	Srinivas Cellcom. Ltd.	Tamil Nadu	0.00
17.	RPG Cellcom. Ltd.	Madhya Pradesh	2.19
18.	Reliance Telecom. Ltd.	West Bengal	1.86
		Assam	0.06
		Bihar	26.11
		Himachal Pradesh	0.65
		Madhya Pradesh	2.22
		Orissa	17.06
		North East	0.01
19.	Tata Cellular Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh	59.17
20.	BPL US West Cellular Ltd.	Kerala	20.43
		Tamil Nadu	33.22
		Maharashtra	63.04
21.	Aircell Digilink India Ltd.	Haryana	20.67
		Rajasthan	54.41
		Uttar Pradesh (East)	99.34
22.	Koshika Telekom. Ltd.	Bihar	56.73
		Orissa	38.09
		Uttar Pradesh (East)	94.77
		Uttar Pradesh (West)	29.76
	TOTAL:		1771.23

Details of licence fees outstanding from Basic Service Providers as on 31.7.1999

(Rupees in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the Operater	Service Area	Licence fee due as per Migration Package (As on 31.7.1999)
1	2	3	4
1.	M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh	16.85
2.	M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd.	Madhya Pradesh	6.48

1	2	3	4
3.	M/s Hughes Telecom. Ltd.	Maharashtra	55.54
4.	M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd.	Punjab	18.55
5.	M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd.	Rajasthan	0.00
6.	M/s Reliance Telecom. Ltd.	Gujarat	60.83
	TOTAL:		158.25

Extension of time limit to private companies for VPT

†3576. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector companies have not been able to install the village public telephones as per their commitments within the stipulated period in the rural areas of the country as a result of which period for installing the village public telephones has been extended by three times for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the companies which have installed the village public telephones during the extended period alongwith the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd. in Andhra Pradesh, M/s Hughes Telecom Ltd. in Maharashtra, M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd. in Gujarat and HFCL Infotel Ltd. in Punjab did not provide VPT as per the commitment in the licence agreement. M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. and M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. reported to have provided 348 and 169 VPTs in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan service areas respectively as on 31.3.2001.

(c) The details are as under :—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.